
#8 Mission Statement Agreement

2023-2024

Our elementary school focuses on keeping the door open between our students' lived experiences and what is learned in the classroom. We seek to empower our students through a model of **social identity development, civic engagement, & academic excellence**.

- o We believe all children are capable of academic and lifelong success
- o We believe in providing a restorative and productive space for children and teachers to discuss issues surrounding the social identities of themselves and of those around them
- o We believe in strengthening the direct link between the empowerment of one's identity and the academic achievement of one's self
- o We believe in fostering healthy relationships between staff members and students
- o We believe a school building is a community center and should serve as an anchor for all members of the surrounding neighborhood
- o We believe our scholars learn best in a school environment that is driven by data
- o We believe culturally-relevant pedagogy supports scholars' social-emotional progress
- o We believe all students gain a sense of community ownership when civically engaged
- o We believe generational cycles of poverty are disrupted when families and community stakeholders are engaged in healthy, bridge-building dialogue

By signing this, I understand and support the mission of Cactus Park Elementary | pilotED Schools and believe in my student attending a school which incorporates these as a part of their mission.

Student's Name

Name of Parent/Guardian (please print)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date